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Jury finds Anahola man guilty of resisting arrest

LĪHU'E – A fifth circuit jury this week found Kapana Thronas-Kahoonei, 25, of Anahola, guilty of Resisting Arrest following a three-day trial.

According to evidence presented at trial, on Feb. 20, 2019, Kaua'i Police Department Officers Joel Snyder and Alexander Lacson Jr., conducted a traffic stop on a white sedan for lacking a rear license plate. Officer Snyder observed a marijuana cigarette in the driver's side door compartment and attempted to arrest Thronas-Kahoonei, who violently and actively resisted those attempts.

Eventually it took three officers to subdue the defendant. This incident occurred only five weeks after Thronas-Kahoonei was found guilty by another fifth circuit jury for an unrelated Resisting Arrest charge.

Both cases were prosecuted by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Kimberly Torigoe. Thronas-Kahoonei represented himself in each case.

Thronas-Kahoonei faces sentencing by Fifth Circuit Chief Judge Randal G.B. Valenciano on Dec. 5, 2019, and faces up to one year in jail and/or a \$2,000 fine.

"The men and women of the Kaua'i Police Department put themselves in harm's way each day to protect our community and they deserve to come home safely at the end of every shift," stated Prosecuting Attorney Justin F. Kollar. "We thank them for their sacrifices and we thank the jury for its efforts in this case. Justice has been achieved."





Kapana Thronas-Kahoonei, 25, of Anahola

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